

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/708,513  
Preliminary Amendment

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to correct a minor error and to more clearly define Applicants' invention. No new matter is added.

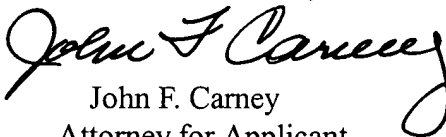
It is respectfully submitted that the application, as now presented, is allowable. A favorable consideration of this Amendment and allowance of the application is accordingly requested.

If, for any reason, it is believed that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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